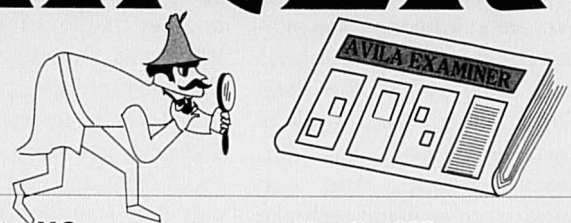


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## Discovering the pioneers

by John Lyon

In marking the five hundredth anniversary of Columbus' discovery of the Americas, there have been numerous conferences recognizing the celebration. One such conference occurred April 27-29 at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota. "500 Years of Catholic Women" - The International Religions of the Americas Conference discussed five hundred years of Catholic women in America. Two faculty members of Avila participated in the conference.

Dr. Carol Coburn and Sr. Martha Smith presented their research findings on the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and their expansion in Colorado from 1877 to 1917. These historians, favoring the 19th Century, compiled archives of personal letters, journals, and correspondence from the Corporation of the Sisters of St. Joseph (C.S.J.) in Colorado and the main headquarters

in St. Louis.

While they created schools, convents, and hospitals, the sisters of C.S.J. evolved as an organization and individually through their adaptation to their environment. Immediate issues of protection and survival were compounded by church indebtedness, maintenance of their conventional role in society, and response to the needs of a region comprised primarily of miners and transients.

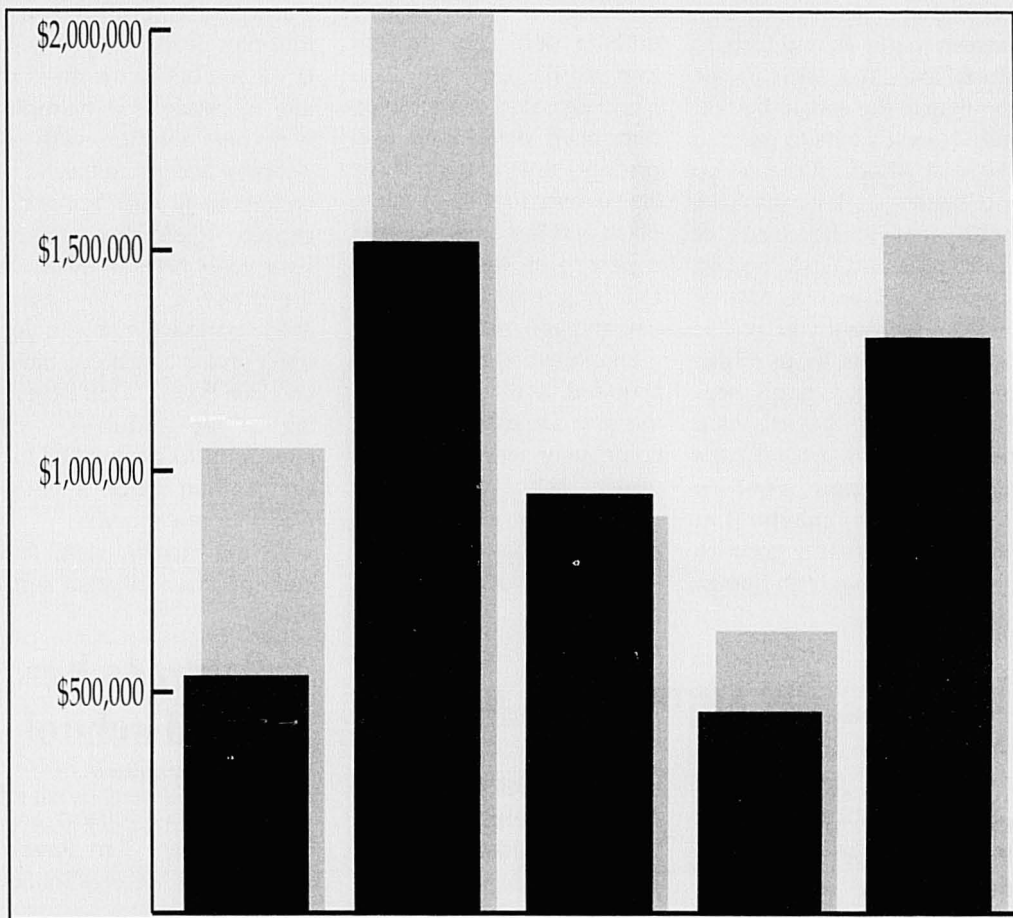
Dr. Coburn and Sr. Martha Smith want to establish women in their presence in history, particularly religious women. The Dioceses of Kansas City will place their research in an encyclopedia soon to be released. Anyone who is interested in reading of the C.S.J. pioneers may contact either Sr. Martha in the History department or Dr. Coburn in the Education department.

## New trends in algebra

by Mike Maupin

This semester Sr. Ann Dominic is helping Kansas City, Missouri, Middle Grade School teachers prepare for the future. Sister Ann is teaching creative new ways to learn algebra through a meaningful hands-on technique, rather than the previous paper-and-pencil memorizing method. The Kansas City, Missouri, School District has donated the Eisenhower Title II Grant providing this opportunity for 14 teachers to learn under Sister Ann's instruction. The three men and eleven women come from Northeast, Lincoln, Bingham, Rogers, Southeast, Central, and Nowlin Middle schools. "This program is to help develop an instructive and meaningful grasp of what algebra is all about through the concrete versus the abstract," said Sister Anne. The program

meets once a week on Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. This lab approach gives the teachers an opportunity to develop new lesson plans, learn algebraic concepts through hands-on activities, and provide professional readings for the class while situated in an informal environment. An example of this lab allows the teachers to experiment with red and blue beans to teach intergers, and cups and beans to describe linear equations. There are many different objects one may use to learn all aspects of algebra. This technique must be learned, for it is the new trend of the future. "This program is intended to be a faster development of problem solving through a shift away from merely memorizing algebraic procedures toward mathematical reasoning," Sister Ann said.



## Avila/2000 campaign reaches \$4.8 million

by Marcy Caldwell

There's no doubt about it. This is an exciting time in the growth of Avila College.

If you are just finishing your freshman year at Avila, chances are the campus will have a new face by the time you graduate — thanks to Avila/2000, the college's ambitious \$6 million capital campaign.

Avila/2000 will fund projects of vital importance to Avila's future. A new Communication and Art complex, major renovation of Blasco Hall and O'Reilly Hall, and enhancement of exterior athletic facilities are included in the plans for campus renewal. Other projects to be funded by Avila/2000 include: student financial assistance; faculty and staff development; student and academic support programs; computerization of the library; and support for the operating budget.

Since the campaign was announced in January 1991, the College has received more than \$4.8 million in gifts and pledges. Two challenge grants recently were issued by the Mabee Foundation and the Kresge Foundation to advance the college closer to its \$6 million goal. If the \$6 million goal is met by January 1993, the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Michigan, will provide a \$350,000 grant.

The construction of the Communication and Art complex, as well as the renovations of Blasco Hall and O'Reilly Hall, are contingent on the College's ability to meet the terms of a \$500,000 challenge grant issued by the Mabee Foundation. The challenge grant requires the college to raise matching funds totalling \$1,100,000 by July 9, 1992. According to VicePresident

for Advancement Grant Thomas, "We're happy to report that we are two-thirds of the way to our goal." An additional \$370,000 must be raised by July 9 in order to meet the terms of the grant.

Additional support has been provided by a \$100,000 grant from The Forster-Powers Charitable Trust to create an endowed fund for students in need of scholarship assistance, and two \$100,000 grants from the Victor E. Speas Foundation to acquire state-of-the-art laboratory equipment for the Science and Nursing programs. To date, the gifts from Avila's Board of Trustees have totalled almost \$700,000. The trustees' gifts, as well as those of Avila alumni, students, families, faculty and staff, figure prominently in the success of the campaign..

## S.I.F.E announces major event in May

by Linda Moon

The 4th Annual Students In Free Enterprise International Exposition will be held in Kansas City at the Westin Crown Center hotel. The exposition and final competition, May 18-20, provides participants from more than 300 colleges an opportunity to share their experiences. They will discuss present

progress and projects worked on throughout the year that show their efforts to teach the free enterprise system to American communities and those of other countries. Kansas City's Chapter of S.I.F.E., based here at Avila, plans to observe this year's exposition and compete in 1993. This August they will have intro-

ductory sessions to recruit new members. If you are interested in organizing, managing and assuming the risks of a business or enterprise, you can be an entrepreneur. This is the organization to help you realize potential. Contact Wendy Acker in the Business Department, ext#320.

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# Go out and shape a better world

Father Mario

Graduation is upon us. Where has this year gone? We are still hearing the echoes of the Easter "Alleluia" and the "joy" of the risen Christ. The sweet smell of Easter lillies, lilacs, and tulips are still around. And soon another great event will take place - graduation day. For students, I think it is a time of freedom. No more classes, papers to get in, and tests to study for. Yes, we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Now it's time to get into the real world. Time to go job hunting. Resumes have been sent to hundreds of companies and firms, hoping that we will receive lots of letters - we want you, please come and work for us. Take me, I'm yours - good benefits and big bucks, nice people to work around - it's like I died and went to heaven! Oh, maybe I'm dreaming; but - it's good to dream and have high hopes.

But this isn't the total picture. For the graduates it is another chapter in your life. What this chapter will be, depends on the previous chapters: your education and what you have learned; the faculty and the imprint that they have left on you, their knowledge that they have shared, their insights on life. The staff and their untiring dedication to you and Avila College; the friendships and relationships that have developed and probably will last your whole life; events that have taken place and the ones you had a part in at Avila College, that might have changed you and your outlook in life.

The knowledge you have acquired, and I hope it was lots; the successes that have come your way in theater, music, scholarship, your grade point average and on and on will not mean much to you as you take your

place in society. What will be a powerful impact is the contribution you will make in society to make this a better world for you and the next generation. Your love for God and for all our brothers and sisters no matter what their beliefs, color of skin, economic status, gifts or talents. I think the most important element of these four-plus years spent at Avila is - if you haven't learned to live in peace and harmony with one another, with all peoples; accepting them unconditionally and being accepted - you have wasted your years here at Avila. In the movie "City of Joy" a line at the end says it all - "If you don't give the gifts you have, you lose them." God's blessing on you graduates - you have a lot to be thankful for. Go out and shape a better world for me and you.

To the faculty, staff, and students, have a great summer.

## Avila grads head for med school

by Deborah Dexheimer

Senior Rick Holland and 1991 graduate Tim Raveill will enter KU Medical School in 1992.

Holland graduates this Spring with a major in Pre-med and Biology as well as a minor in Chemistry. Rick is interested in specializing in neurology with an interest in the conscious and manipulating the mind to help those with neurological disorders. He would like to practice neurology in Maine or the Loyola Medical Center in Chicago.

Raveill graduated from Avila Spring of 1991 with a major in Pre-med and Radiologic Technology. Tim became interested in medicine after working in radiology.

Both Holland and Raveill feel well prepared to enter medical school thanks to the quality of education they received at Avila and the encouragement of Avila's instructors.

## Need an extra prayer and last meal before finals?

by Jane Malone

With finals fast approaching, are you in need of a few extra prayers? If so, Fr. Mario has something just for you. Fr. Mario will celebrate mass at 11 p.m. Sunday, May 10, in Orschelen Chapel for all of those needing a little help from above. Midnight breakfast, sponsored by the faculty and staff, will be served immediately following mass. All residence students and guests are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there.

## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 1992

## It's that time of year again

by Linda Porter

It's that time again. The time of year when the "F" word is on everyone's lips. That's right....FINALS!! We did an informal survey around campus to find out how students and teachers make it through this tumultuous week. Here's what they had to say:

Marcy Caldwell & Kelly Williams, members of Dr. Fasciano's Earth Science Class, "We spend our Sunday afternoons at Whisker Rivey's Bar and Grill at Redbridge drinking and cramming for Geology."

Brian Smith, Behavior Disorder Major, "If you don't know it by now there's no point in cramming. Why waste your time?"

Jeff Colgan, Nursing Student, "It depends on whether it's comprehensive or just a single test. For the comprehensive exams I review previous assignments and old tests. That way I can find my weaknesses and improve upon them. I really feel a sense of relief

at finals because you're covering what you've already studied".

Jeannie Jenkins, Special Education Major, "I sleep a lot, and eat a lot."

John Lyon, Communication Major, "After years of cramming for tests I've found it more effective to just go in and do it. Either you know it or you don't"

Dawn Graham, Nursing Student, "I study all of my old tests, while I bite off all my nails."

Charlie Ream, Theater Major, "I just go right through them. I don't worry too much about studying, unless it's a non-major course,

because I have worked so steadily on my theater courses that I already know them."

Dr. Linda Cleveland, Associate Professor of Chemistry, "It's been a real disappointment since I've become a teacher, because

final exam week is no longer the easiest week in the term. When I

was a student there was no new material to learn. As a teacher, not only do I have to write the test, I have to read them all and

calculate the grades. It's a lot more work."

## Ambassadors add a twist

by Chris Pickett

The Avila Ambassadors add a twist to the College which is present at most schools, but the Ambassadors possess a unique quality. The members of this team treat guests of Avila with the warmth and friendliness which welcomes outsiders to the campus.

The group consists of 15 Avila students who volunteer their services. The Ambassadors work for the Admissions Office. Their duties include giving tours of Avila to prospective high school students, operating phone-a-thons for the high schoolers, and

helping make the elderhostels (who visit the campus frequently) feel at home. "The Admissions Office uses students, as opposed to faculty members, to show students around because it makes the high school students feel comfortable," said freshman Ambassador Luana Cumpston. "They are able to ask us about campus life because we live here," she added.

Membership gives the Ambassadors experience in dealing with people, and they gain valuable communication skills. This is what college is all about.

## Looking for something extra

by Jim Huber

Are you looking for some extra credits this summer? If you are, the 1992 summer schedule which contains weekend intensive classes can help.

Advising dates for these weekend classes are April 1-May 8, May 18-20. No advising will be available on May 21, 22, 25 or July 3.

Registration for the classes meeting on the weekend must be processed and tuition paid at least one week prior to the beginning of courses.

Tuition per credit hour for undergraduate credit is \$125.00. Tuition per credit hour for students 55 years and older is \$62.50 verification is required.

The summer weekend classes have seven different sessions. These will begin the weekend of May 29-30 and run every weekend until July 17-18.

For more information, call your advisor or have a look at the summer schedules that are available all over the campus.

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## Basic Instincts

by Jason M. Buice

Sex, murder, drugs, rock-n-roll, cops, psychologists and mystery. The basic ingredients to an Academy Award winning film.

When I was a kid I used to read mystery books that I could choose the ending to. These books were set up so that the reader could turn to a certain page and, hopefully, solve the mystery. If you made the incorrect choice, you would die and that was the end of the book. I was usually pretty good about making the right choices and solving the mystery, satisfied with my outcome.

Now that I'm a big kid, I read History of Theatre books that tell how great certain actors were, and what happened with whom, and why. Recently, I learned about a movement in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century called naturalism. The idea behind naturalism is to portray an extreme slice of life, where nothing is left to the imagination of the audience. "Basic Instincts" definitely portrays an extreme slice of life, but leaves a lot for the audience's imagination to piece together when the end

arrives at a screeching halt.

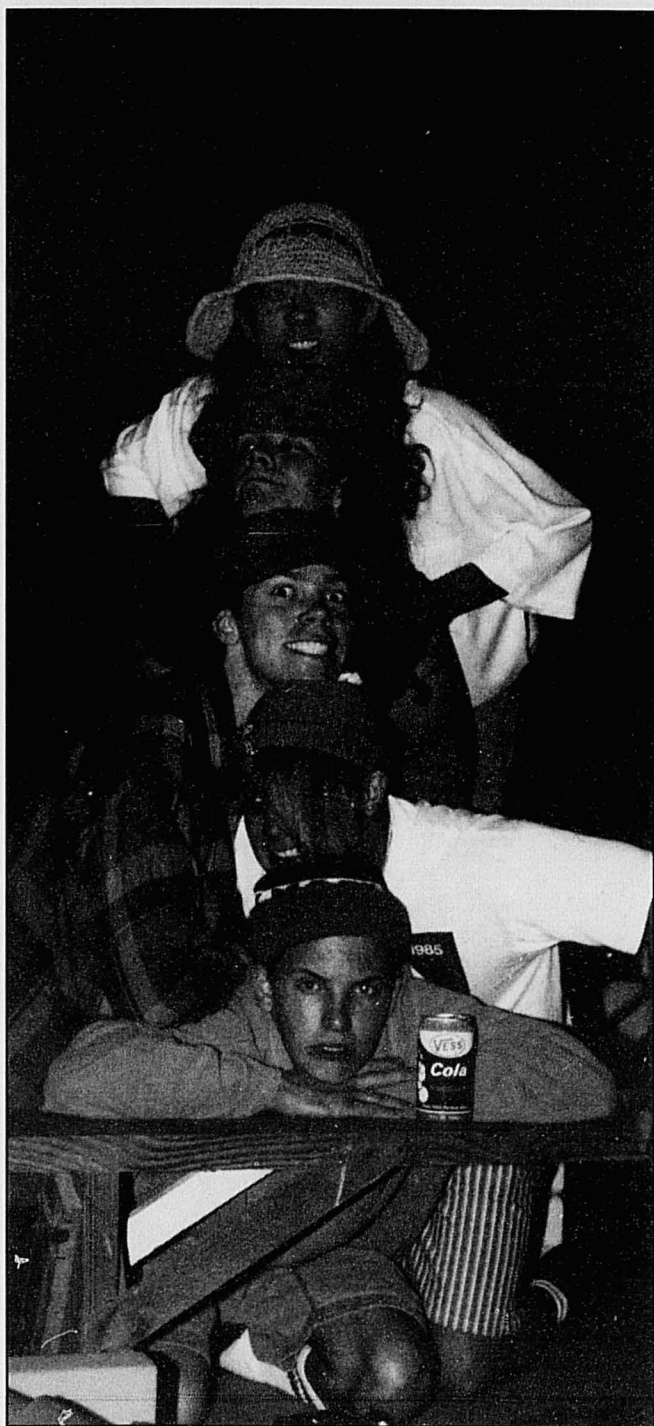
"Basic Instincts" is a high action film with a lot of sex, murder, drugs, rock-n-roll, cops, psychologists and mystery. Nick Curran (Michael Douglas) is a typical, average, "messed-up" good cop who falls for the wrong girl. Catherine Tremell (Sharon Stone) is suspected of murdering her rock-n-roll boyfriend with an ice-pick. Nick, known as "Shooter," suspects Catherine because she casually denies killing anyone. Catherine also happens to be a writer of murder stories, that happen to come true. Hmmm, could she be the killer? Nick thinks she is and so does his psychologist/girlfriend Beth Garner (Jean Tripplehorn).

Beth knows quite a bit about the suspect which she feeds to Nick throughout the entire film. She gives her perspective as a psychologist, but later we find out that she knew Tremell in college. Nick becomes torn between the two women because it becomes very apparent the one is the killer. Either Catherine murdered her boyfriend and used her book as an alibi, or Beth did it to frame Catherine.

Well, it's all left up to super-cop Nick "Shooter" Curran and his faithful partner to catch the diabolical criminal and solve the mystery.

I thoroughly enjoyed this movie because it portrayed a part of life that most audiences only hear about on the news, but are not very familiar with otherwise. Although the characters appear to be very cold-hearted, they are still very intriguing. One thing that makes them so interesting is that they thrive on their basic instincts. They act on the first thing that comes to their mind. Catherine is the queen of all basic instincts. She uses people as instruments to simply gain pleasure for herself. Nick isn't afraid to experiment with his basic instincts, so naturally he is a good cop and falls for Catherine.

If you are looking for a good mystery that will keep you guessing even when you leave the theatre, I highly recommend "Basic Instincts". Keep in mind that this movie is very bold in portraying the most extreme parts of life. Overall, it is very intriguing and entertaining. I give this movie three Avila Eagles, one being the worst, four being the best.



The band members top to bottom, Steve Tran, Justin Davenport, Eric Disrud, Patrick Phillips and Jeff Phillips.

## Purple Indians?

by Kelly Williams

Have you heard of the Purple Indians? If you haven't and you do the Kansas City alternative music club scene, you can be sure that you will very soon. The band members are a diverse group of highly motivated and talented individuals. Avila's own Patrick Phillips sings lead vocals, his younger brother Jeff on drums, Justin Davenport and Steve Tran on guitar, and rounding out the band is Eric Disrud on bass.

The group formed early last fall and had their first big break in November playing at Starrz on Broadway. Andy Graham, a Kansas journalist, is quoted as saying, "the Indians are in

magnificent form." The Purple Indians have just recorded their first short album. It consists of a variety of musical styles from Guns'N'Roses and Spinal Tap to the mellow ballads of Richard Marx. The album has a variety of original works, with the mellow ballad "Perfect Circle" and "Falling From Power" a cutting edge rock-n-roll work, being the most memorable. Albums are available on campus from Patrick Phillips.

The band has recently been heard at The Bottleneck in Lawrence and The Shadow in Westport. Look for the Purple Indians at a club near you this summer. This is a must-hear new band.

## Grab your umbrella

by Vivian Grover

What is a relationship without a few "storms?" Relationships can be like an amusement park, up and down like the roller coaster from Hell or round and round like a carousel.

We sometimes go into relationships looking to bask in the sunshine for-

ever. Instead, we get partly sunny, partly cloudy conditions, or just plain rain!

Remember, each drop of rain is different, some good, some bad. We have to hang in there and let love be the umbrella that protects us from the storm!

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# It's time to call it a day

by Keith Harris

April 26 marked the end of the regular season for the baseball team. The team finished with a regular season record of 29-22-1. As they head into the district playoffs, there is a lot of confidence that they will do well.

"Some of us are surprised because we didn't play too well at the start of the season. Now we are playing just as good as anybody in the district. Our first playoff game is at home and we are playing really well at home. We are confident that we can beat just about anybody," said first baseman Jim Mellody.

Over the weekend of April 24-26, the Avila sluggers from Avila split six game 3-3. Against Culver-Stockton, Jim Huber lost the first game 8-1. The Eagles bounced back though to win the second game 6-5 behind Jerry Rhubart. Satur-

day pitted the Eagles against Missouri Baptist. The Eagles took both games from the opponents winning 3-0 behind Dave Liebnitz and 10-0 behind the pitching of Shane Newbrough.

Lindenwood brought a challenge to the Eagles on Sunday and won both games. Newbrough lost 12-4 and Todd Johnson lost 6-4.

The top five hitters at the end of the season are: Gary Haarman, Larry Squires, Shane Newbrough, Gary Minich, and Dave Liebnitz. The top three pitchers are Dave Liebnitz, Shane Newbrough, and Scott Duffen.

Shane Newbrough leads the team in homeruns with 9, a school record. Larry Squires leads the team with 50 RBI's, and Gary Haarman leads the team in stolen bases. Scott Duffen leads the team in saves with 4.



Coach Mark Tobin will bid the Avila campus farewell on May 31.

Photo by B. Alexanders

## CONGRATULATIONS TEAMS ON A GREAT SEASON

### Player Profile

by Jeff Bass

**NAME:** Eric Fisher

**NICKNAME:** "The Juice"

**AGE:** 22

**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Junior

**MAJOR:** History with minor in Education

**SPORT PLAYED:** Basketball

**HOMETOWN:** Kansas City

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Chicken

**FAVORITE NIGHT SPOT:** Stanford & Sons Bar

**FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:** Las Vegas

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:** Become a school teacher and coach basketball.

### Athletes recognized at Spring Sports Banquet

by Dennis Hallblade

Avila's athletes and teams were recognized at this year's 10th Annual Spring Sports Banquet, was held in the Marian Centre on April 26. The banquet recognized the accomplishments of Avila's six sports: volleyball, soccer, women's and men's basketball, softball, and baseball.

The master of ceremonies for this year's banquet was Athletic Director Mark Tobin. After the invocation by Father Mario, the program began with a welcome from Dr. Larry Kramer. Before the award presentations began, Coach Tobin took time out to recognize those people who work with and support the athletic program.

Coach Jodi Smith began the award presentations for the women's volleyball team. After describing the team's season and recognizing the players, two special awards were presented. Brandi Antoniello received the team's Most Valuable Player award and Stacy Street was awarded Coach Smith's EDIFY award, an award given to the team's most inspirational player.

After the unraveling of his thank you list, Coach Huw

Williams presented the awards for this year's soccer team. Craig Wania received the team's Most Valuable Player award. Dean Pare and Mike Barr received some unique awards. Pare received the team's Grandpa award for being the elder statesmen of the squad. Barr won an award for being the speediest driver to a game.

Coach Jamie Collins presented awards for the women's basketball team. Joyce Heimsoth received the team's Scholar Athlete award. Shelly Schubert won the team's Hustle award. Senior Janice Williams won the team's Most Valuable Player award.

Men's basketball coach, Fred Turner, presented awards to this year's cagers. Junior Kevin Lowder received the team's Defensive Player award; Chris Pickett won the Iceman award for best 3-point and free-throw shooting; and Randy Johnson won the Scholar Athlete award. Brian Strauss won the Sister Ann Dominic Hustle award. Dennis Hallblade won the Clutch Player

award.

Although their season isn't complete, Coach Dave Melton handed out awards to the softball team. Holly Shelby received the team's Most Valuable Player Award. After the first, second, and third year awards were handed out, the team's seniors were recognized; Kim Nordike, Lisa Fisher, and Becky Lemasters all received fourth year awards.

Head baseball coach, Mark Tobin, then handed out awards for this year's baseball squad. Travis Holt received the team's Rookie of the Year award. Gary Minich won the Golden Glove award. Dave Liebnitz won the Cy Young award; and the team MVP went to Senior Larry Squires.

A painting entitled "The Last Practice for 3 and 7" was donated to the Mabee Fieldhouse by Avila's artist-in-residence Dr. Bill Louis. The contribution by Dr. Louis is a colorful rendition of two soccer players.

After closing comments by Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs Tom Lease, the benediction for the program was given by Sr. Ann Dominic.